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Mr. John Fairbanks
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Dear Mr. Fairbanks:

RE: Mining Activity, Wasatch Tar Sands - Fairbanks Hydraulics,
DOE/047/017, Uintah County, Utah

The Division staff has inspected two sites in Uintah County where your company has been engaged in removing tar sands material. On May 22, 1984 and again on July 17, 1984 the State section site near the Seep Ridge road was visited and several concerns were noted. The scattered brush and trees constitute a potential fire hazard and should be removed. Also, the pit area on the upper pad is considered to be a hazard and should be regraded. All requirements of the Division of State Lands and Forestry must be met as well.

On July 19, 1984 your company's location at Whiterocks was visited. The Division has received no notice of operations commencing at this site. The current amount of disturbance appears to be in excess of the two (2) acre limitation for exempted operations. Please submit information to the Division concerning your mining activities so that a determination can be made regarding your compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

Your prompt attention in these matters is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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